

CLASSIC SCENE



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Cover picture

Gregor Nixon takes the
wheel of his 'Tot Rod'

The Chairman's Bit

Last month's meeting saw us waiting outside the Black Isle Brewery for someone to show us round - imagine so near yet so far! Eventually the slight hiccup was sorted and we had an interesting tour around the old and the new facility (which has just opened). There was also time for some tasting and retail therapy in the brewery shop. We then adjourned to the Munlochy Hotel only to find that it was shut, so a quick journey south to the Kessock Hotel to talk the usual rubbish. Thanks go to Ian Nixon for organising the evening (and for driving me).

I missed the Forres show and also the "BID" run event in Inverness but I hear that they well attended and successful. The TVR has been stuck in its shed for a few days this last week, nothing much wrong, we had a damaged drain and had to have the yard dug up with my car the wrong side of the trench. I was thinking about putting a ramp up



and jumping the ditch but I have enough trouble climbing over sleeping policemen so didn't bother!

There are a few new members to introduce this month: Peter Poole stays in Inverness and owns a 1977 MGB roadster; Gordon Nicol is from Birnie, Elgin and is the owner of a 1989 Bently Turbo R; Ian MacKay is from North Kessock and owns a brace of Morris Eights (1932,1937); and finally Duncan Stewart who is the proud owner of a 1972 Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV. Welcome to you all.

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This Months Meeting

Thursday 2nd June. Road run to the 'Lovat' in Fort Augustus. Meet at archive Centre, Bught for 7:15pm sharp or meet 7:45 at Tourist Info Car Park in Drumnadrochit.

HIGHLAND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB

Monthly meetings (1st Thursday of every month)

2011

February 3rd	AGM and Quiz Night—North Kessock Hotel
March 3rd	Visit to Charles Perrins' Garage and latest Project
April 7th	Visit to Control Tower at Dalcross Airport
May 5th	Black Isle Brewery Visit
June 2nd	Road run to Fort Augustus
July 7th	Drive Each others Cars Night—Brockies Lodge, Kiltarlity
August 4th	Scenic drive to Whitebridge via Foyers
September 1st	Struie Run to Edderton Arms
October 6th	tba
November 3rd	tba
December 1st	Christmas Club Night

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January 5th	Annual Auction—North Kessock Hotel
February 2nd	AGM—North Kessock Hotel

(Further details to be published in 'Classic Scene' prior to the individual meetings)



Hello,

Last month's meeting was a trip to the Black Isle Brewery. Due to a mix-up, we were shown around the facilities by the owners wife and an interesting evening was had by all.

May started on a glorious note with the Forres show. The weather could not have been better – blue skies and not a cloud in sight. This show seems to grow bigger year on year. An impressive turnout with a variety of interesting vehicles and displays such as the Grey Fergie Tractor strip and rebuild team!

Last month also saw the 3rd Inverness Classic Vehicle Show. There was a disappointing turn-out from club members, but those who did go enjoying a good variety of vehicles although the weather was a bit mixed.

I especially liked the 'grouping' of vehicles which saw an immaculate Aston Martin DB5 parked next to a couple of Ford Capri's. Whilst the Capri's had their bonnets up and attracting passers-by, the Aston went virtually un-noticed – heathens! The traffic management was something else, which saw the city centre gridlocked prior to the parade. I ended up being at the front of my 'group' of cars and being piped off the High St. Next year, I'll follow Tom and Hugh's



lead and head off home early!

I received a report of a mishap following the Inverness Show. A friends sister was walking her dog by Raigmore Hospital and came across a classic motorist in some distress. She (and her dog) helped push the car off the road and ease the growing traffic jam. Upon enquiring as to the nature of the breakdown, the car's owner meekly held up the gearstick, pointing out that it was generally meant to be attached somewhere on the floor. Luckily perhaps, to avoid any embarrassment, I was unable to determine the identity of the shifter-afflicted motorist, although I suspect that the Nairn branch of the Austin 10 Conway owners are closing ranks.

Returning from Judo with Protégé #2 a couple of weeks ago, I passed the Kingsmills Hotel and dropped in to have a look at the cars involved in this year's Ecurie Ecosse Classic Tour. Some fine exotica and ancient relics

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graced the car park (later augmented by Zak, John & Chris) and I managed to get some pictures before the light finally went. These were subsequently spotted all around the Highlands in the following days.



This month's meeting is a scenic run to Fort Augustus. Meet at the Archive Centre car park, at Bught for 7:15 or at the Tourist Info Car park in Drum at 7:45pm. The plan is to run around the Loch stopping at the Lovat in Fort Augustus for drinks.

Although it might seem a long way off yet, entries for this years 'Fortrose Rally' are now open. Details and an entry form, can be found on the club website. Remember, spaces are limited and this rally is becoming more popular year on year.

The club have entered 10 cars on their 'stand' at the forthcoming Tain Rally on June 19th. Even if you've entered as an individual, feel free to come and use the facilities.

Don't forget the Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Rally on 2/3 July. All club members are invited to join in the festivities with a road run on the Saturday followed by an evening ceilidh. Sunday is the Rally and autojumble. Again, all are welcome.

Finally, if you're free on June 4th, the Kirkhill Community Centre are looking for some cars to join in with their display for their Gala day celebrations. Contact Fiona Stoddart at fionastoddart65@gmail.com

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Local Events Diary

Here are some details of 2011 local motoring events that may be of interest to our members

June

- 4th Kirkhill Gala Day (see editorial for details)
- 5th Fraserburgh Vintage Car Rally
- 11th Strathpeffer Market Vintage Day
- 19th Tain Vintage vehicle Rally

July

- 9th/10th 37th Scottish Transport Extravaganza at Glamis Castle
- 31st Knockhill Classic SpeedFair

August

- 14th Historic Wheels Rally, Brodie Castle.
- 27th Fortrose Vintage Vehicle Rally

September

- 3rd Dingwall Street Fair. Contact Donald Mackenzie 01349 861009
- 4th Motor Mania—Grantown on Spey
- 17th/18th Selkirk Rally

If you notice any errors or omissions, please let the editor know.



Out & About



You can get anything at H.I.S. these days



A red-nosed Riley

If you're interested in further details of these vehicles, contact the editor for more info